

## INTIMATIONS.

**JOHN BALLELY WHITE & BRO**  
**PORTLAND CEMENT**  
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA,  
HOLLIDAY, WISE  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1881.







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**H. MAILS EXPECTED.**

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**

The M. M. steamer *Oreca*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 5 a.m. on the 22nd and may be expected to arrive here on the 26th instant.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**

The F. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 1st, and is due here on the 29th instant.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The E. and A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tamabie* left Port Darwin on the 10th, and may be expected here on or about the 24th instant.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kwang-sing* left Singapore on the 16th, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 24th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Prims* left Singapore on the forenoon of the 18th, and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Forwards*, left Singapore on the 20th, and may be expected to arrive on the 28th instant.

The steamer *Albatross* left Singapore on the 21st.

22nd, and is due here on the 23rd instant.

The Union Line steamer *Harter* left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 22nd, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd instant.

### POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Canton.—*Per Amoy*, to-day, the 24th instant, 2.30 p.m.  
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—*Per Tianze*, to-day, the 24th inst., at 11.30 a.m.  
 For Swatow and Amoy.—*Per Pictoria*, to-day, the 24th inst., 1.30 p.m.  
 For Shanghai.—*Per Yangtze*, to-day, the 24th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

For Amoy and Tamsui.—Per *Sokien*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Shanghai.—Per *Lee Yuen*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Shanghai.—Per *Stirling Castle*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 4.30 p.m.  
For Straits Settlements.—Per *Fernwood*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 4.30 p.m.  
For Saigon.—Per *Nona*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 4.30 p.m.  
For Straits Settlements.—Per *Glensly*, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Sunida Maru*, on Friday, the 1st September, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Oratory*, on Friday, the 1st September, at 11.30 a.m.  
For Saigon.—Per *Stirling Castle*, to-day, the 24th instant, at 4.30 p.m.  
For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Sunda*, on Saturday, the 2nd September, at 3.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to approve of the following Honors for the English Mail till further notice, on the days mentioned below.

Thursday, Aug. 26, the 31st.

3.00 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

4.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

4.00 P.M.—Mails open except for Late Letters.

5.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until

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6.00 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with a late fee of 10 cents, and newspapers without late fee, until 9.30 P.M., when the Supplementary Mail will be closed; Circulars will be returned to the Post Office.

After 9.30 P.M. Letters may be placed in the Loose Box for treatment at Singapore.

**NOTES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAIL.**

**THE PERSONAL MAIL.**

DAY BEFORE THE CONTRACT MAIL SUNDAY (if the departure be on Monday).

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes, Post Office

close, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**

7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M. Register of Letters closed. Posting of all printed matter and postages closes.

11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Later Letters.

11.40 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fees of 40 cents until

12.40 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.

1.40 A.M. Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fees of 10 Cents until time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**

The French Contract Packet, "SAGHA-LEEN," will be despatched on **THURSDAY, 11.10 A.M.** for the Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz. Naples, Genoa, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.  
The Mails per British Contract Packet  
"THIBET," will be closed on THURS-  
DAY, the 31st August, to and through the  
India Kingdom and Europe, viz: *Brindley*, to  
the India Sea-ports, *Bombay, Rangoon, Ceylon,*  
*Madras, Suez, Alexandria, Constantinople, Calcutta,*  
*London, and Liverpool.*  
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies.

no letter, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of Parcels sent by Registered Mail, a receipt of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India is compulsory.

**LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIPS.**

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepay 10 cents for each ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

Letters, per 500	10 Cents
Post Cards, each	3 Cents
Registered Letters, each	3 Cents

Papers, per 2 cts.	2 Cents.
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cents.
Registration	10 Cents.
Do. with return receipt	15 Cents.

Conveyances, papers signify such papers as  
though written by the Post Office, but not the  
of an actual or personal correspondence, such  
as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge  
is the same as for Books, but all packets of and  
under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

Five boxes of letters are received at the Post  
Office, not sealed, that is to say, the box is  
fastened with sealing wax, but there is no im-  
pression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the  
necessity of carefully sealing such boxes  
with some recognizable seal, of sending a chi-  
boy or receipt with them. The omission of  
the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to who  
the contents of the box ever reached the  
Post Office; the omission of the former, as to  
whether part of them might not have been ab-



## EXTRACTS.

## A MOUNTAIN STREAM.

Demanded by Duncan Mac Intyre.

From the rim it trickles down

Of the mountain's granite crown

Clear and cool;

Keen and eager though it go

Through your veins with lively flow,

Yet it knows not to reign

Through the chambers of the brain

With miracle;

Where dark water-courses grow

You will trace the quiet flow

So mild, and soft, and mellow.

In its pouring.

With its falling drops to trouble

The brightness of its bubble

As it bubbles in its way

From the granite shadows grey

Of Ben Doan.

Then down the sloping side

It will slip with gentle glide

Gently.

Till it gathers strength to leap

With a light and foamy sweep

To the rocks broad and dry

And the forest and the sky

Freely.

Then buds beneath the boulders

'Neath the shadow of the boulders

Of Ben.

Through a country rough and shaggy

So jagged and so knaggy

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## THE SPOTS OF A FAVORITE.

Among the Spaniards with whom La Sagua

probably made himself acquainted while he

was "getting up" local colour for Gil Blas,

he can hardly have found any more generally

useful to him than the historical story

of Spain under the last three Sovereigns

of the Spanish dynasty in manifest form in his

works; and for a man who began by study-

ing the picaresque novels, it was but a short

step from the imaginary Guzman de Alfarache

to the historical Fernando de Valenzuela.

This Court favourite, who died in 1670

and 1677, ran through the traditional career

of his class, rising like the rocket and

coming down like a stick, was quite worthy

to have been the hero of one of La Sagua's

tales. He began life as a page, rose to the

post of Prime Minister by excellent playing

of the guitar, and made a great fortune by

the sale of offices and other forms of corrup-

tion. A picaresque novel, such as him from his

first in the Philippine Islands, and then in

Mexico, where he was killed by a brick from

a horse in 1692. Nothing in political action

can surpass the history of his rise to power.

Favourites have risen from lower down.

Valenzuela was by birth a gentleman, but

between 1660 and 1670 he was hanging about

in Madrid, one of the large tribe of penniless

office-seekers with nothing in the world but

a profound belief in himself, a certain skill

in turning a compliment, and a complete

ignorance of the law. By the help of these

endowments he gained the attention of

Don Juan, the Duke of Alba, and married

him. The Queen gave him a small post in

the palace, and the young couple struggled

along on their scanty and ill-paid wages till

fortune suddenly smiled on Don Fernando.

His luck came in the disguise of a mis-

take. Perhaps because he was mistaken

for some other man, a great man wished

to see out of the way, he was shot at and

badly wounded one night in the streets. He

was long ill, and doctors' bills were heavy,

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## HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported at Canton of the 23rd Aug., 1893.

## COTTON GOODS.

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